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## \*\*\* Media Advisory \*\*\*

### **Breakup of Major Human Smuggling Organization to be Announced**

(Phoenix, Ariz. – Feb. 14, 2008) Attorney General Terry Goddard will hold a press conference at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 14, to detail "Operation Suarez", a lengthy investigation that has smashed a sophisticated human smuggling operation based in Phoenix and Naco, Arizona.

The investigation has resulted in numerous arrests, which have dismantled an operation responsible for human smuggling, operating numerous drop houses and money laundering. The press conference will be held at the Attorney General's Office, Capitol Center, Third Floor Conference Room.

Goddard will be joined by Phoenix Mayor Phil Gordon, Phoenix Councilman Claude Mattox, Immigration and Customs Enforcement Assistant Special Agent in Charge Tray Henley, Arizona Department of Public Safety Director Roger Vanderpool and City of Phoenix Public Safety Manager Jack Harris.

#### **Event Information:**

What: Press Conference to Announce "Operation Suarez"

When: Thursday, Feb. 14  
4 p.m.

Where: Office of the Attorney General  
Capitol Center – Third Floor Conference Room  
15 S. 15th Avenue  
Phoenix, Ariz.

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